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March 3, 1906. Inspected and passed the Norwegian steamship *Norheim*, bound for Port Arthur, with 19 in the crew and 4 passengers; vessel sails in ballast. The Norwegian steamship *City of Tampico*, bound for New Orleans via Mexican ports, with 19 in the crew and 23 passengers; vessel sails in a partial American cargo. The American steamship *Merican*, bound for Galveston, with 35 on board. This vessel is engaged in the repair of the New York, Galveston and Veracruz telegraph cable and put in at Tampico for foodstuffs and orders. The British steamship *Arcola*, bound for a port north of Hatteras via Santiago, with 23 in the crew; vessel sails in ballast. The British steamship *Comedian*, bound for New Orleans via Mexican ports, with 40 in the crew and 1 passenger; vessel sails in a partial European cargo. March 3. Bill of health was issued the Norwegian steamship *Chris. Knudsen*, but sailing to-morrow, will be included in next week's report.

PANAMA.

Report from Colon—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, March 5, as follows:

During the week ended March 4, 1906, the following-named vessels cleared for ports in the United States and were granted bills of health:

American steamship *Adrance* for New York, February 26, with 63 crew and 29 passengers. Norwegian steamship *Rauma* for a port in the United States, via Santiago, Cuba, February 26, with 25 crew and no passengers; holds and living quarters fumigated. Norwegian steamship *Ellis* for New Orleans, via Limon, February 27, with 32 crew and 1 passenger; living quarters fumigated; holds not opened in Colon; deck load only discharged. British steamship *Nicaraguan* for New Orleans, via Kingston, Jamaica, February 28, with 46 crew and 110 passengers; for New Orleans 13 cabin; for Jamaica 19 cabin and 79 deck; holds and living quarters fumigated. American schooner *J. W. Hawthorn* for Pensacola, March 2, with 8 crew and 3 passengers; holds and living quarters fumigated; cleared from Cristobal, Canal Zone.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Inspection of vessels—Plague and cholera—Cholera on bay and river boats.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, January 24 and 26, as follows:

During the week ended January 13, 1906, quarantinable diseases were reported for the city of Manila as follows: Plague, 1 case, 1 death; cholera, 1 case, 1 death.

Cholera in the provinces during the week ended January 13, 1906: 121 cases, 95 deaths.

During the week vessels cleared for ports under the jurisdiction of the United States as follows:

On January 9 the British steamship *Szechuen*, with 63 crew and 7 passengers, en route from Amoy to Iloilo, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual quarantine and inspection at Mariveles.

On January 10 the British steamship *Kweilin*, with 61 crew, en route from Amboy to Iloilo, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual quarantine detention.

Week ended January 20, 1906: Plague, 1 case, 1 death; cholera, 3 cases, 3 deaths.

Cholera.

There is a gradual increase in the number of cases of cholera reported from the provinces. Many cases of the disease are occurring among the fishermen and others who are employed upon the small craft which ply between the upper end of Manila Bay and the numerous rivers which lead into it from Bulacan and Pampanga provinces. The infected territory is lowland and marshy. The villages are built along the banks of the rivers upon insanitary sites. If there is any considerable increase in the number of cases, the direct drainage into the rivers will no doubt soon infect them and then a more serious epidemic is to be expected. From the foregoing it may be seen that the eradication of the disease will be exceedingly difficult, and under the most favorable circumstances a number of months will probably elapse before the disease can be checked in these provinces.

Cholera in the provinces, week ended January 20, 1906: 215 cases, 154 deaths.

Vessels were granted bills of health during the week as follows:

On January 16 the British steamship *Kaifong*, with 66 crew, en route from Amoy to Iloilo and Cebu, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual quarantine and inspection at Mariveles.

On January 17 the British steamship *Atholl*, with 46 crew, en route from Yokohama to New York, was granted a supplemental bill of health. Persons on board inspected at hour of sailing. Cargo passed and certified, 5,981 packages.

On January 18 the American schooner *David Erans*, with 10 crew, entered 5 days' quarantine observation prior to departure for Port Townsend.

On January 19 the British steamship *Chingtu*, with 70 crew and 1 passenger, en route from Yokohama to Zamboanga, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual quarantine and inspection at Mariveles.

Quarantine transactions of the service in the Philippine Islands during the month of December, 1905.

Port of Manila.

Bills of health issued:

To steamers for—

United States ports	6
Foreign ports	35
Domestic ports	150

To sailing vessels for—

United States ports	1
Foreign ports	0
Domestic ports	69

Total	261
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